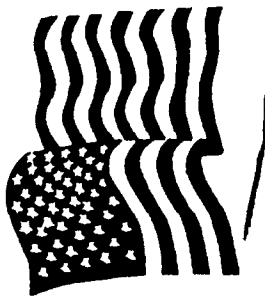


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**IF YOU ARE A PASADENA WATER AND POWER CUSTOMER,
YOUR DRINKING WATER IS PERFECTLY SAFE.**

Many of you saw the full-page newspaper ad that ran on page A-9 of the Pasadena Star News on Wednesday, July 23. The ad warns readers that drinking water in the San Gabriel Valley is contaminated and that readers are at risk of contracting severe health problems as a result.

For Pasadena Water and Power customers this is absolutely not true.

Here are the facts:

FACT: Pasadena water comes from a combination of our local wells and water supplied by Metropolitan Water District, our water wholesaler, from the Colorado River and the California State Aqueduct.

FACT: Pasadena drinking water not only meets or surpasses state and federal water health and purity requirements, but is also continuously tested by our own Water Quality Laboratory and contract commercial laboratories in conjunction with the State of California Department of Health Services for contaminants and impurities.

FACT: Because well water *can* become contaminated, the water in Pasadena Water and Power Department's wells is *never* distributed directly to our customers without being treated and blended. Before drinking water goes to your home or business, the water from each of the wells is thoroughly tested, then *blended* either in the reservoirs or in the distribution system with our supply from MWD, and tested again. The blending process dilutes contaminants to well below state and federally mandated health and safety standards and ensures our customers they are receiving good, clean, high-quality water.

FACT: We take our water quality responsibilities very seriously. We constantly test for the contaminants mentioned in the ad — TCE, PCE and perchlorate — and many others, to ensure that our water is as pure as possible for our customers. Our staff works closely with the State of California Department of Health Services and the Environmental Protection Agency to keep abreast of any new developments and we will keep you informed.

WE ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Our Water Quality Laboratory staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have about your Pasadena drinking water. Please feel free to give them a call at the Pasadena Water Quality Lab, 744-4465 during regular business hours.

In the meantime, rest assured that drinking water distributed by Pasadena Water and Power Department remains safe, and meets or exceeds all current state and federal guidelines for water quality.

WE'RE PROUD TO BE YOUR DRINKING WATER PROVIDER



**PASADENA WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT
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